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Applicant : Raimond Lasar
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Amendment – Reply to First Office Action

Sir,

In response to the First Office action of June 13th, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

- 1) Please add the following two paragraphs between paragraphs [0015] and [0016]:

[0015.3] In US patent 6,167,725 issued to Siekierski, a bent-pin arrangement of half of a typical body piercing barbell-type device is provided. This device is, despite its advantages, still a "regular" barbell and does not provide a means to keep a body piercing in place while changing a decorative element, rather it provides a means to hold an end on a barbell piercing. If it is desired to replace the end of the barbell, the existing end must be removed, which will subject the body piercing section to a risk of being lost, and will subject the exposed tissue of the body opening to injury and infection.

[0015.6] US patent 6,244,073 issued to Kaping, also does not provide a means to keep a body piercing in place while changing a decorative element, rather it provides a means to hold an end on a barbell piercing. If it is desired to replace the cap, the existing cap must be removed, which will subject the body piercing section to a risk of being lost and will subject the exposed tissue of the body opening to injury and infection.